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IRAN: The compromise agreement reached with the Consortium will boost Iranian oil revenues significantly but not by as much as the Shah originally wished.

New tax and posted price increases for the balance of the fiscal year ending 20 March 1971 will raise Iran's revenues from the Consortium by about \$50 million. This will bring total revenues this year to some \$1.1 billion, approximately \$40 million less than the Iranians originally demanded. The Consortium agreed to expand export capacity by 1972 and develop plans for additional increases in subsequent years. The agreement makes no mention of the loan for \$90 million that Iran previously had sought.

This settlement will provide breathing time for both parties to prepare for negotiations next March covering the remaining two years of Iran's five-year plan. At that time Iran is expected to call for even greater increases in oil revenues from the Consortium.

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NOTES

USSR-BERLIN: Soviet Ambassador Abrasimov's performance at the 16 November session of the Berlin four-power talks suggests that the Soviets are marking time there while trying to draw Bonn and Pankow into the negotiations. Abrasimov continued to argue that the four powers should reach agreement only on the general principles of an accord, leaving the details of implementation to the two German states. The Soviets presumably hope that the Allies will feel compelled to agree to talks between Bonn and Pankow. One advantage they may expect would be more favorable terms on Berlin from the West Germans. It was agreed that the ambassadors will meet again with only a week's interval on 23 November, in order to compensate for scheduling conflicts which will force an interruption in the talks next month.

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MOROCCO: The opposition coalition, the National Front, is continuing to exploit the issue of "US bases" to embarrass the government. Early this week, it issued a communiqué calling for immediate "evacuation" of American military personnel from the communications complex operated under an informal agreement with the King. The communiqué asserted that use of the facilities to support US military forces, particularly the Sixth Fleet, "negates solidarity with the Arab and Palestinian people." The fact that the authorities have permitted the Front to publish what amounts to a serious condemnation of the regime could indicate, however, that King Hassan believes he can exploit the issue with respect to US assistance.

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